



Greetings MACC racers,

Time to put aside the golf clubs, bikes and rollerblades, winter is making a return this weekend. Just in time to close up our 2107 race season:

<https://weather.com/weather/tenday//USMI0096:1:US>

**Conditions Report from Boyne** (as of today): we should be good. Yup, that's the official report. Ginnie will follow up with the snow powers that be on Thursday and Friday to get a final conditions report. If you want Boyne's marketing perspective, go here:

<http://www.boyne.com/boynemountain/skiing-riding/conditions?>

Practice course will be set up on opposite hill, weather and conditions permitting.

**Bring Cash or Check to purchase your Banquet tickets (no credit cards)**

Tickets will be for sale at the Othmar all day Saturday and Sunday this weekend and next Saturday until 10:00am. You will pay a premium if you wait to pay at the door.

**Banquet pricing: \$35/adult; \$17/children 4-12 free children 0-3**

**It's a new kind of AC/DC weekend 2/25 and 2/26 ONLY**

**Race Class Run Order:** You can thank Gary Bloodworth for this idea!

<u>Course1</u>	<u>Course 2</u>	<u>Course 3</u>
E2W	BW	DW
E1W	AW	CW
EW	VAW	DM
E2M	BM	CM
E1M	AM	VBM
VE1M	VAM	SVCM
SVE1M	SVAM	SVBM
EM	VE2M	

**Job Assignments open online:** <http://maccracing.org/macc-jobs/index.php>

Make Dennis' day, sign up as a Gate Judge... we need you, folks!

**Need Announcers:** Looking for your 10 minutes + of fame?

See Shawn Hughes Director of Timing: [sh@shawn.hughes.name](mailto:sh@shawn.hughes.name)

**MACC Party at Kathy Bauer's Saturday, February 25th**

Kathy is again opening her home to all MACC racers on Saturday Evening 6:30- ???

01250 Forest Lane, Boyne City. Food and drinks generously provided. Hosted by the MACC Party Mamas Kathy Bauer, Jackie, Renee and Ginnie.

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## Speaking of job assignments, here's another chapter from Dennis:

### Keep it Short and Simple...

Yes, I am well aware that all of you will turn that advice around on me! I know it and that is okay.

Radio use on course seems to be working thanks to everyone making the effort to make things work well. Thank you to everyone, especially our gate judges for making this work!

One of our racers who happens to be a fire fighter (Ron Zawlocki -- thanks for the tips!) suggested that when we use the radios on course we could make our communications much more clear by keeping what we say very short and simple. Ron said that in his training and work they strive to avoid using sentences and try to use simple, well understood words while keeping the total words to a minimum.

In that spirit, what we would like all of our gate judges to do this weekend is use the following short phrases to communicate with the timers and course officials.

To request a COURSE HOLD: "Gate Judge to Timing, HOLD COURSE". Timing should acknowledge this request with "Timing, HOLD COURSE, copy"

To RELEASE A HOLD: "Gate Judge to Timing: COURSE CLEAR". Timing should acknowledge this request with "Timing, COURSE CLEAR, copy".

To REPORT A DQ: "Gate Judge to Timing: Racer <number>, DQ". Timing should acknowledge this request with "Timing, Racer <number>, DQ, copy".

Remember that the gate judge is required to note the DQ and the reason for the DQ on their gate judge card. Reporting it to the timing crew is NOT SUFFICIENT. It must be properly documented to be legal.

To REPORT INTERFERENCE: "Gate Judge to Timing: INTERFERENCE, Racer <number>". Timing should acknowledge this with "Timing, RERUN, Racer <number>, copy"

If a racer is interfered with while making their run they are required to ski out of the course as soon as it is safe to do so. If they continue skiing the course, they cannot claim interference. This is an important judgement call

To REQUEST MAINTENANCE HELP: "Gate Judge to Maintenance: NEED HELP". Maintenance should acknowledge the request with "Maintenance, copy" followed by the question "What help is needed?". The gate judge should respond to maintenance the nature of the help needed in as few words as possible. Maintenance should acknowledge they understand with a final "Maintenance, copy".

Once course maintenance is in position to do the work, it is the responsibility of the maintenance person(s) to request a course hold and release that hold while doing their job.

To REQUEST EMERGENCY HELP: If emergency help is required for a racer, "Gate Judge to Start: NEED SKI PATROL". Once someone has been dispatched to inform the lift attendant to call Ski Patrol, the course operations team at the start should acknowledge this by "START, SKI PATROL COMING, copy".

For ALL OTHER ISSUES: Do your best to keep the request or message very short and very clear.

Thank you for your efforts to make this a success!

Dennis for the MACC Course Operations Team

This eNewsletter is posted on our website for those who prefer to view it online vs. email.  
<http://maccracing.org/news/index.php>

Before I let you go, let's give high praise to our Officers, Directors and Race Reps who devote their time to making this crazy hobby fun, safe and enjoyable for all of us!

See you when the temps drop,

Debi Koltoniak  
Director of Publicity and all things worth communicatingMACC race weekend #